

HONORING MICHAEL BITTEL FOR HIS DEDICATION TO SERVING THE NORTH COUNTRY BUSINESS COMMUNITY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael Bittel for his hard work and advocacy on behalf of the Adirondack business community. Since 2018, Mr. Bittel has led the Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce, the ARCC, as both the president and CEO, and now, after years of dedication, Mr. Bittel is retiring.

Throughout his extensive career, Mr. Bittel has prioritized supporting local businesses and his community's health and well-being. Prior to his current role at ARCC, Mr. Bittel served as COO at Hometown Healthcare and Co-CEO of the King Arthur Flour Company in Vermont. Mr. Bittel has served on the Boards for the March of Dimes New York, the Glens Falls Hospital, and the Northwest New York Salvation Army. In his latest position as president of the ARCC, Mr. Bittel has often devoted ten-to-twelve hours each day to ensure smooth, continued operations of the Adirondack region's small businesses.

The COVID-19 pandemic and its aftereffects have proven to be exceptionally difficult on small businesses and neighborhoods across the country and throughout the Adirondacks, but Mr. Bittel presented himself as a strong leader in the face of difficulty. He worked to support struggling businesses in the height of the pandemic, advocated for proper funding for restaurants, and provided guidance for seasonal businesses in the midst of confusing and trying times. Throughout each new obstacle over the past several years, Mr. Bittel stepped forward as a chief advocate for businesses in his region.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am proud to celebrate the retirement of Michael Bittel. His dedication to public service and tireless support of small businesses in the Adirondacks has been essential to the North Country's ability to thrive during these unprecedented times. I wish him a happy and blessed retirement.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF AIDAN SWARTZ ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2022

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Aidan Swartz of Sylvania, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Aidan's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2026. At-

tending one of our Nation's military academies offers the opportunity to serve our country and receive a world-class education. At the same time, these young men and women undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Aidan brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2026. While attending Northview High School in Sylvania, Ohio, Aidan participated in Leadership Academy and Football Leadership. Throughout high school, Aidan played football earning his varsity letter and becoming team captain. After high school, he attended the United States Air Force Academy Preparatory School in Colorado.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Aidan Swartz on his offer of appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Aidan will excel during his career at the Air Force Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

HONORING MR. BONARD MACE

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2022

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Mr. Bonard Mace, a distinguished Superintendent from my district who is retiring this year after a career of service.

Mr. Bonard Mace is a dedicated educator of 39 years, who served as a teacher, coach, and administrator in the Hoxie, Westside, Nettleton, and Gosnell school districts. He is retiring as the Superintendent of Gosnell after also serving as an Assistant Principal, High School Principal, and Assistant Superintendent.

Mr. Mace devoted his careers to his students and played an essential role in teaching and preparing the next generation to be leaders and public servants. His hard work and dedication is invaluable in our communities, and I am certain the First District is better because of his service.

FL-16 LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2022

Mr. BUCHANAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to law enforcement men and women who have provided distinguished service to the people of Florida's 16th Congressional District.

Law enforcement is a demanding profession that requires sacrifice, courage, and dedication to serve others. Every day, brave men and women put themselves in harm's way to enforce the laws of our society and protect public safety. They deserve our gratitude and respect.

Twelve years ago, I established the 16th District Congressional Law Enforcement

Awards, CLEA, to give special recognition to law enforcement officers, departments, or units for exceptional achievement.

This year, I will present congressional law enforcement awards to the following winners chosen by an independent panel comprised of current and retired law enforcement personnel representing a cross-section of the district's law enforcement community:

Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award: Lt. Sean Felton, Deputies Kelsey Belloise, Timothy Downey, Hugo Garcia, Grace King, Alexander Nikias, Monica Ruiz, Todd Sellitto, Logan Wilson and Robert Wildt of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office.

Dedication and Professionalism Award: Lt. Phillip Waller and Sgt. Aaron Pilant of the Bradenton Police Department; Officer Chris Bennett of the Holmes Beach Police Department; Deputies Maria Gillum and Rafael Ortegon, and Detective Derek Pollock of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office.

Gary Tibbetts Career Service Award: Assistant Chief Josh Cramer and Detective James Curulla of the Bradenton Police Department; Barbara Ehrhart of the Florida Highway Patrol; Detective John Lake of the Sarasota Police Department; Lt. Christopher Montalbano of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office.

Preservation of Life Award: Deputies Ryan Banning, Michael Beers, Leonel Garcia, Zameul Sanchez Garcia, Kyle Kaskiw, Joshua Langieri, Micah Osornio, Benjamin Quick, Grant Weisman, and Detective Scott Williamson of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office; Detective Vincent Diorio of the Palmetto Police Department; Officers Adam Bearden, Whitney Bentz, Ridge Collins, Terry Crenshaw, Timothy Dederick, Julius Gonzalez, Nathan Lynn, Molly Spencer, and Officer Eric Urbain of the Sarasota Police Department.

Unit Citation Award: Lt. Mark Morie, Sergeants Seamus Dwyer, Stephen Ives, Brian Quiles, and Theron Robinson and Detectives Bryan Lake, Carmine Luper, Steven Luke, and James Parrish of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office Crimes Against Children Unit, Internet Crimes Against Children Unit, and Technical Services Unit; Sergeants Stephen Barron and Paul Bulso, Detectives Kelsey Belloise, Ernest Bichsel, Keith English, Philip Fellows, Lucas Freitas-Ferreira, Cody Hobbs, Grace King, Jeremy Martin, Matthew Schwartz, and Austyn Shear of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Division Tactical Unit; Sergeants Sean Carter and Jonathan Misiewicz, Officers Nicholas Bernier, Brenton Bieker, Jarrod Chapman, Timothy Dederick, Giovanni Gonzalez, Julius Gonzalez, Nicholas Laquidara, Nathan Lynn, Aaron Modrow, Jordan Osinga, Elise Schanley, Lauren Stevens, Eric Urbain, Becky Worthington, and Alfonso Varlaro of the Sarasota Police Department Patrol Shift 2A Unit.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMITTAL OF LEGISLATION ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Electronic

Transmittal of Legislation Act, which would permit the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia to transmit legislation to Congress in the form of the Chairman's choosing, including in electronic form. This bill would modernize the method D.C. legislation is transmitted to Congress. I introduced a similar version of this bill earlier this year.

The D.C. Home Rule Act (HRA) requires the Chairman to transmit legislation to Congress for a review period before the legislation may take effect. The legislation takes effect after a review period, unless a resolution of disapproval is enacted into law during the review period. While the HRA is silent on the method of transmittal, House and Senate precedent require that the legislation be physically transmitted to Congress. Physical transmittal imposes costs in terms of time on the Council, the House and Senate Parliamentarians, the Speaker, the President of the Senate, the House clerk, the Senate Secretary, the House Committee on Oversight and Reform and the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

The Council engages in a 12-step process to comply with the physical transmittal requirement:

Step 1: Write individualized cover letters.

Step 2: The Chairman physically signs the cover letters.

Step 3: Arrange a time to get the cover letters from the Chairman.

Step 4: Print two copies of the bill and two copies of the committee report to deliver to the Speaker and to the President of the Senate.

Step 5: Arrange a time for delivery to the Speaker's office.

Step 6: Arrange a time for delivery to the President of the Senate's office.

Step 7: Arrange for two D.C. employees to drive to the Capitol. (Two staffers are required because parking restrictions require a driver and a delivery person.)

Step 8: Drive to the Capitol.

Step 9: Deliver the documents to the Speaker's office and get a signed receipt.

Step 10: Deliver the documents to the President of the Senate's office and get a signed receipt.

Step 11: Assign the congressional review period based on the receipts.

Step 12: File the receipts.

The aftermath of the January 6, 2021 attack on the Capitol highlighted the burdens of physical transmittal. After temporary fencing was installed around the Capitol, D.C. employees could not enter the Capitol, delaying transmittal until D.C. employees and congressional staff developed a workaround. D.C. employees and congressional staff met outside the fencing so the D.C. employees could physically transmit the legislation.

Today, when we live in the era of e-mail, there is no reason to continue to require an increasingly ancient process, when these documents could be transmitted electronically instead, saving a tremendous amount of time and effort.

I urge my colleagues to support this commonsense bill.

RECOGNIZING MICHIGAN'S CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2022

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Caribbean American Heritage Month to celebrate the contributions of Caribbean-Americans to Michigan's 13th Congressional District and all across our Nation.

National Caribbean American Heritage Month was first recognized in 2005. This was the culmination of many years of efforts by organizations around the world to spotlight the numerous contributions to our Nation. Caribbean Community Services, a nonprofit organization based in Detroit, Michigan, has proudly uplifted that history. They routinely host numerous events that celebrate the rich cultural heritage of the Caribbean and its impact on our communities in southeastern Michigan. I am incredibly proud of the important work Caribbean Social Services undertakes to foster diverse and welcoming communities. I especially want to highlight their leadership in ensuring these contributions are recognized and valued as we celebrate Caribbean American Heritage Month.

Please join me in recognizing National Caribbean American Heritage Month and the contributions of Caribbean Americans across our Nation and the 13th Congressional District.

CONGRATULATING THE CRYSTAL RESTAURANT ON ITS DESIGNATION AS A HISTORIC BUSINESS

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate The Crystal Restaurant in Watertown on its rich history and its special designation as a historic business. The Crystal has been named to the New York State Historic Preservation Registry as they have been operating for over fifty years and contribute tremendously to the Watertown community.

The Crystal Restaurant is Watertown's oldest restaurant, opening in 1925 under the ownership of brothers Dennis and Jerry Valanos. In 1928, The Crystal hired Otto Dephtereos as chef. Fifteen years later, Otto and his brother Nicholas, took over and purchased The Crystal. After Otto's son, Joseph, a radio gunner on a B-24 bomber during World War II, returned from England, he and his brother, Leo, took over The Crystal. Today, Peter Dephtereos, along with his wife and brother, manage the restaurant and maintain the beloved traditions of The Crystal.

For many decades, the Dephtereos family has stewarded the oldest restaurant in Watertown and preserved timeless traditions, like the "Tom and Jerry" cocktail. The Crystal remains a thriving tribute to the history of Watertown. It is home to one of the last stand-up bars in the country and even boasts a cash register that rang up President Franklin Roosevelt's bill in the 1930s. Few things have changed at the restaurant, and The Crystal

prides itself on being a fixture in Watertown's history.

The Crystal is an incredible North Country establishment and has been an important asset to the Watertown community for over nine decades. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am proud to celebrate the rich history of The Crystal Restaurant and congratulate it on its designation as a historic business on the New York State Historic Preservation Registry.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF ELIZABETH CANFIELD ON HER OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2022

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Elizabeth Canfield of Bryan, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Elizabeth's offer of appointment permits her to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2026. Attending one of our Nation's military academies offers the opportunity to serve our country and receive a world-class education. At the same time, these young men and women undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Elizabeth brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2026. While attending Bryan High School in Bryan, Ohio, Elizabeth participated in student government, show choir, and was a member of acapella choir. Throughout high school, Elizabeth was involved with cross country and swim and dive, earning a varsity letter in both.

After graduating Bryan High School in 2018, Elizabeth enlisted in the United States Air Force and attended the Community College of the Air Force, majoring in Human Resource Management. She then went on to attend the United States Air Force Academy Preparatory School in Colorado.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Elizabeth Canfield on her offer of appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Elizabeth will excel during her career at the Air Force Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to her as she continues her service to our Nation.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF PAT CARR

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2022

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and service of